

## THE TWO MOTHERS.

ONE WHO HELPS HER DAUGHTER  
AND ANOTHER WHO REPELS.

Typical Story of a Young Girl Which  
Shows the Need of Confidence Between  
Mother and Daughter—Women Who  
Forget Their Own Girlhood.

There are many girls, pretty, willful  
and attractive, whose only need is a little  
sympathy—sympathy just because they  
are willful and beautiful and attract lovers  
as the flame attracts the moth.

Of these there is occasionally one who  
has a mother who has retained her own  
youth and the memory of her own girl-  
hood days. To such a mother the girl  
comes and pours out her girlish confid-  
ences—silly confidences, many times, no  
doubt, but vital to her, either in the way  
of joy or sorrow. Her heart is full of  
them, and the average girl simply must  
tell it all to some one.

If to such a girl the mother bends a pa-  
tient and observing ear, if she does not  
laugh at her daughter's foolish little trou-  
bles nor turn coldly from her when she  
tells of some love affair, then the girl  
comes again and again, and, kneeling by  
her mother's side, pours out her story.  
And the mother looks into the young  
heart and reads the lessons of her own  
youth over again. If she is wise, she  
plants a few seeds of her own long gone  
experience in the fallow soil, and thus per-  
haps helps a little toward a more satis-  
factory harvest than her own has been, for  
there is no teacher like experience, and  
girls do so many things heedlessly.

But if the mother is too much engrossed  
in other things, or for any reason does not  
feel any interest in the things which fill  
the young mind, then the girl will cer-  
tainly seek some other confidant. In this  
case she is very apt to seek one of her own  
age and lack of experience. The result is  
easily seen. One is as wise as the other,  
and it is a case of the blind leading the blind.

Once I knew a girl, pretty, impulsive  
and full of life, who, entirely misunder-  
stood by those who should have known her  
best, barely escaped a life of misery. At  
the age of 17 she became acquainted with  
a young man of dissolute habits and was  
greatly taken with his handsome face and  
winning, flattering manner. She met him  
at the house of one who professed to be her  
friend, but whose friendship consisted of  
always allowing people to do just as they  
desired regardless of consequences.

As the acquaintance ripened it became  
quite evident that the young man intended  
to marry the girl if he could get her. Her  
people were well to do in the world, and it  
would be well to call a good match—for  
him. At last the girl thought that she  
would tell her mother about the new emo-  
tions which were stirring in her heart. She  
was not in the habit of doing this, and she  
approached her mother with a little fear  
and trembling. The mother had never in-  
spired her daughter with very much con-  
fidence—it was quite enough that she saw  
to it that the girl was clad and fed, school-  
ed and sent to church.

But this was different, the girl reasoned.  
Surely the mother would feel a deep inter-  
est in the sweetest emotion that the daugh-  
ter had ever known. At some remote pe-  
riod she must have been in love herself,  
and she would remember and tell her just  
what was her own. In this frame of  
mind she sought her mother's side.

"In love!" cried the mother sarcastical-  
ly after listening to the girl's trembling  
story. "What do you think a girl like you  
can know about love! Love—love—love,  
perhaps. Let me hear no more of this non-  
sense. And what is more, don't dare to  
meet this fellow again. Do you under-  
stand?"

The girl understood, with a heart beat-  
ing with indignation and a sense of injury.  
To whom could she turn if not to her own  
mother? Her heart, sore from this recep-  
tion, turned back toward the one who had  
ever been kind and flattering to her. She  
became from a dutiful daughter a dis-  
obedient one and ran away at night, when  
she was supposed to be in bed, to meet the  
"fellow" she had been forbidden to ever  
look upon again. The very fact that she  
had been forbidden threw a glamour over  
his attractions and made him appear more  
desirable.

She met him again and again at the  
house of their mutual friend. She strolled  
with him through the park and stole care-  
fully back to her home. She promised to  
be his wife, and the marriage would have  
been consummated, for the time was set,  
only for the intervention of a merciful fate  
which showed the lover in his true colors.  
One evening the girl was to meet him at  
the house of their friend, but he was un-  
accountably late to keep the tryst. At last,  
after she had begun to feel anxious lest  
something terrible had befallen him, he  
came—came staggering under a load of  
wildness, with lidded eyes, thick at-  
tention and sickening breath.

Fortunately the girl had sense. She did  
not take upon herself the task of reforming  
him. Moreover, she was in all probability  
merely infatuated—not sincerely in love, as  
she had fancied. She turned away, sick-  
ened and disgusted, went home and hid  
her shame and sorrow and mortification in  
the darkness of her own room.

Long after she married, and now has  
daughters of her own. There is nothing  
that falls into the lives of these daughters  
that does not interest the mother. She  
deeply realizes that there was a time when  
one little word of kindness and sympathy  
would have won her to look on more than  
she did at the time. She has learned the  
lesson. That word she found cold and looks  
and sarcasm and stern commands. Con-  
sequently she had very nearly walked over  
a precipice into a gulf of lifelong misery.  
This picture is ever before her, and it keeps  
her heart open to the feelings and emotions  
of her girls. They come to her with every-  
thing of moment to themselves. They come  
with perfect confidence of certain sym-  
pathy and kindly advice.

"Some girls are very strange," said a  
woman the other day while speaking of  
some little escapade. "I don't remember  
of ever wanting to do such things. I have  
no patience with such a girl. She ought  
to be locked up in a convent."

Now, had such a girl been told to listen to  
her with true sympathy and set her straight  
about it? Does she tell her mother—some-  
one? And is that some one her mother?  
—Minneapolis Tribune

### Speedy Boats.

A locomotive working under high pres-  
sure moves a train of cars with a velocity  
of 60 or 70 miles per hour under un-  
favorable circumstances. While we are told  
to consider this a wonderful rate of speed,  
it is an ox team pace when compared with  
the velocity of projectiles fired from the  
modern great guns. Such missiles pass  
through the air with a speed of 1,366  
miles per hour.—St. Louis Republic.

### Utility Bags.

In some of the high class furnishing  
shops are to be found what are called  
"utility bags." These are the large bowl  
shaped tool bags of the old country work-  
ingman. He carries his tools about in  
them. Smaller sizes are used in Ireland by  
the old women for carrying baskets. They  
are pliable as a fisherman's hat, and, being  
lined with leather and bound with stout  
braids, are strong yet very light. The tool  
bags such as are seen here measure fully 30  
inches across. They are carried by means  
of loop handles of the braid with which  
they are bound and strapped. It may be  
added that with such maximum of capacity  
and strength and minimum of weight they  
are of particular value to the housekeeper  
who is addicted to the unpacking of trunks  
on the first floor, though there are num-  
erous other uses to which they as readily  
lend themselves.

### Medallion Delft.

A new variety of delftware is called me-  
dallion delft. The ground is the blue white  
with which we are familiar in this much  
affected pottery, the decoration being a  
dark blue medallion head, usually of a  
cavalier in the ruff and pointed beard of  
the time of Charles I. One of these figures  
is on every piece. The borders are in half  
rococo design, with a glint of gilt intro-  
duced, the ware being delft only in color-  
ing. Many potteries have produced delft  
patterns of late. That from the Doulton  
kilns is among the handsomest, having  
both character and good effect without los-  
ing the Dutch element.

### Frills on Pillowslips.

Pillowslips look very pretty when trim-  
med all around with frilling. Sometimes  
they have a large satin stitch monogram  
worked in the middle, this side being turned  
over against the bolster at night, so  
that the plain side is uppermost. Very  
smart pillows are covered with brightly  
colored silk. The slips are then ornamented  
at the ends with lace insertion and other  
open work, through which the colored  
cover is visible.

### Secure the Pocket.

The well dressed, careful woman never  
has a gaping pocket to mar the effect of  
her costume. If your pocket opens at the  
side, have hooks and eyes on the inner edge  
and see that they are always securely fas-  
tened. If the pocket is at the back, do not  
have your pocket put anywhere near it.  
Let the waistband of the skirt lap far over,  
if the pocket opens at the back, and even  
then you need safety hook and eyes.

### An Educational Scrapbook.

One mother has introduced a new occu-  
pation to her children. This is the con-  
struction of a scrapbook of noted people of  
the day. Each has a page on which a  
newspaper picture is pasted at the top. Be-  
neath this photograph the child writes  
when the person was born, the briefest ac-  
count of his or her life up to date, and pos-  
sibly the time of death.

### A Cooking Hint.

If a fowl is cold and tough, it may be  
made tender, says an experienced cook, by  
wrapping it carefully in a double thick-  
ness of wrapping paper, pinning it so it  
cannot come undone, and roasting it for  
a full hour. Then take it out of the oven,  
remove the paper and roast until it is per-  
fectly tender, basting it and turning it  
frequently.

### Stately Dinners in the Olden Times.

The elegant dinners were grand af-  
fairs even when there was no state oc-  
casion, and the dinners of Captain Living-  
ston were not allowed to attend them very  
often, as their mother feared that "so  
much grandeur would foster worldly pride  
in their hearts," which she was far too  
strict a Calvinist to wish to do. "And  
truly," said Mrs. Smith, "it must be con-  
fessed that, though personally Cousin  
Chancellor was as kindly and gentle to  
the lowliest as he was magnificent to the  
loftiest in station, and was ever a staunch  
republican in politics, there was little  
that savored of republican simplicity in  
the retinue of liveried servants always em-  
ployed about him, and in the general  
sumptuousness and state of his manner of  
living."—Helen Everett Smith in Century.

### The Man Who Raised the Census.

When the last census was taken, the re-  
turns showed that one of the Scotch irish-  
men had only increased its population by  
seven from the time the previous census  
was taken.

One or two cronies dropped in on the  
registrars just as he was completing the re-  
turns to hear how matters stood. One of  
them, an extensive family man, inquired  
what the increase was, and on being in-  
formed that it was only seven he ex-  
claimed:

"Impossible, sir! Impossible! There  
surely must be some mistake somewhere.  
Man alive! I have contributed more than  
that myself!"—Pearson's Weekly.

### They Salute Old Sol.

The people who live in the snow wrapped  
villages within the arctic circle have a  
night, season of darkness, that lasts  
nearly three months. When the sun does  
again, the inhabitants all greet his re-  
turning splendor by standing together in  
line and giving a military salute. In Ham-  
murabi and far up toward the North cape  
the midnight sun can be seen on May 15.

### Diplomacy.

"You don't mean to say that that stingy  
old maid has given you 10 shillings for  
telling her fortune?"

"Indeed I do. I told her she would meet  
with an accident before she was 34 years  
old."—London Answers.

### College Notes.

Murza Chapin has entered college  
once more.

Remember to attend the Junior Exhi-  
bition in the college chapel Tuesday  
night.

Prof. J. T. Ewing has been confined  
to his home with the grippe for the past  
few days.

A number of Sanitarium guests have  
visited the Kindergarten department  
this week.

The pupils of the music department  
are busy preparing for the recital which  
comes off in April.

The Junior class will be entertained  
by the Sophomores at Ladies' Hall  
Tuesday evening after the exercises.

Next Tuesday evening the Junior  
Exhibition occurs in the College  
chapel. Some very interesting orations  
have been prepared. All invited.

Mr. E. C. Crane, who is to be a lead-  
ing feature of the commencement con-

cert received the highest compliment at  
the Detroit Charity Concert last month.

A museum alcove has just been added  
to the library. In it will be found books  
pertaining to the specimens and objects  
on exhibition in the museum building.

When you have a little spare time  
call up at the Museum and see the new  
cases. For artistic workmanship they  
can't be beat. They reflect great credit  
on their makers and well as reflecting  
their admirers.

If our boys don't win tonight they  
will come home and work harder than  
ever to overcome their weak points, so  
as to hustle Olivet and Bay City. They  
left for Detroit this morning under the  
care of Physical Director Knox.

Tinker & Hannah are now build-  
ing a beautiful case for the "Lincoln  
library." Mr. Hill, the donor, is now  
co-operating with the state librarian  
towards securing the best books obtain-  
able. No expense will be spared.

At the annual meeting of the Y. W.  
C. A., after a sharp and exciting ballot  
the following officers were elected:  
Pres., Miss Bishop; Vice Pres., Miss  
Adams; Rec. Sec., Miss Plum; Cor. Sec.,  
Miss Webster; Treas., Miss Trapp.

J. Harry Dingman, a former Alma  
College boy, was in town Monday  
calling on old friends. Harry has since  
leaving Alma entered a school of telegraph-  
y in Janesville, Wisconsin, and  
graduated. Harry now goes to Ionia  
and takes charge of the D. G. H. & M.  
office.

Rev. David Howell of Lansing has  
secured the use of the library on Socio-  
logy from the Bay View Reading Circle  
of Petoskey and placed the same in the  
college library, for the use of the class  
in that branch. The list of books is  
large and will furnish the much needed  
collateral reading.

### School Notes.

Mary Pringle has left school.

Miss Byron visited school last Friday.

Erma Rush and D'Arcy Johnson  
visited school last week.

Rev. Jefferson conducted chapel exer-  
cises Monday morning.

Spring vacation begins Friday, March  
26th, and last one week.

John Gerber, look out for the goat!  
He's feeling pretty good now and butts  
rather hard.

Mr. Northern has arranged quite a  
program to occupy the spare time of the  
Botany class.

Frank Grover and Bertha Struble  
visited school Monday. Frank came  
also on Tuesday.

The Chemistry class finished its work  
Wednesday. The final examination  
will take place next week.

George Timby rode the goat at the  
meeting of the debating society Monday  
night. Some lively discussions also  
took place.

Chapel exercises were made interest-  
ing Tuesday morning by declamations  
rendered by Mae Sargent, Edith Des-  
mond and Myrtle Walker.

A squad of young cadets has been  
seen at drill upon the school grounds at  
recess during the past few days under  
the command of William Alexander  
Clark.

Mr. Ely has proposed a very good  
scheme for raising money to be added  
to the piano fund. It is hoped that all  
will become interested and lend a hand  
in this new enterprise, as our need of a  
piano is becoming greater each day.

An athletic association has been  
organized among the high school boys  
with a committee of five members at its  
head. Negotiations have been opened  
with the Ithaca high school with refer-  
ence to another joint field day this year.

### Sanitarium Notes.

Mr. Goddard of Saginaw is a guest  
for a few days.

Mrs. Sherwood Hall of Grand Rapids,  
a frequent guest, is here for a few days.

Mrs. Woodcock of Chicago is visiting  
her husband at the institution for a few  
days.

Wm. Schutte and wife of the Ban-  
croft, Saginaw, were at "The Alma"  
the first of the week.

Miss Isabelle Bowen has completed  
her term as nurse at the institution and  
returned to her home in Bickford, Ont-  
ario.

Mr. W. Sweetland and wife of Grand  
Rapids are guests at "The Alma" for  
a few days. He is caterer at the Morton  
House.

The guests of the Sanitarium are under  
many obligations to Miss Florence  
Hayes for her charming vocal solos ren-  
dered during the past two weeks.

While out walking the other day Mr.  
Deer slipped and fell, badly injuring his  
limb. The member is now set in a  
plaster paris caste and he is on a fair  
way to recovery.

Quite a stir was created about town  
Wednesday morning when the Sanita-  
rium flag was seen to be a half mast.

An investigation however showed that  
it was only St. Patrick's Day.

Other guests registered this week are:  
Marie L. Goot, Edna H. Wagner, St.  
Louis, Mo.; Theo. W. Marsh, Birming-  
ham; W. C. Butland, St. Clair; Ben  
Kramer, W. Sweetland and wife, Grand  
Rapids; Mrs. A. K. Woodcock, Chicago;  
U. A. Goddard, Wm. Schutte and wife,  
Saginaw; D. B. Batten, Frankfort;  
Lucia Burton Morse, Elmira, N. Y.

Miss J. H. Doig, Port Huron; O. D.  
Fuller, Coleman, Mich.; Jennie F.  
Kramer, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. D. E.  
Kenyon, Chicago.

### Religious Notes.

EPISCOPAL.  
Lenton Services, Friday, 7:30 p. m.;  
Wednesday, 10:00 a. m. Thursday, 25th  
inst. being the Feast of the Communion  
there will be a celebration of Holy  
Communion, hour to be announced.

Services and S. S. on Sunday at usual  
hour. On Sunday at evening the third  
sermon of the Lenton course will be  
given. Subject, Forms of Prayer. All  
invited.

PRESBYTERIAN.  
The pastor will preach in the morning  
on the subject, The Relation of Christ  
to Human Society; evening the fourth  
of the series of Life Lessons will be  
given, subject, Life's Chief Concern. All  
are cordially invited.

METHODIST.  
The pastor will preach in the morning  
on the subject, Jacob Conquering. The  
evening service will be conducted by  
the W. F. M. S. Miss Schenck of  
Grand Rapids, a Deaconess of the M. E.  
church who spent some time with the  
M. E. church of Alma a few months  
ago will speak on the subject, Mission-  
ary Side-tracks. An interesting pro-  
gram has been prepared. All are wel-  
come. Epworth League, Tuesday even-  
ing, 7:30; prayer meeting, Thursday  
evening, 7:30.

BAPTIST.  
Preaching by the pastor morning and  
evening. Sunday school at noon, young  
people's prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m.  
All are cordially invited.

Village Council.  
ALMA, MICH., MAR. 11, 1897.  
Regular meeting of the Common Council  
of the Village of Alma at the council cham-  
ber on this date.

There were present President Ely and  
Trustees Gargett, Baker, Tinker, Glass  
and Hannah.

Upon motion council adjourned until Thurs-  
day evening, March 11, 1897.

ALMA, MICH., MAR. 11, 1897.  
Council met pursuant to adjournment.  
There were present at the roll call President  
Ely and Trustees Gargett, Baker, Tinker, Glass  
and Hannah.

The minutes of last meeting were read and  
upon motion approved.

Trustee Kelly reported.

The following claims were presented and  
upon motion allowed as follows:

H. E. Thompson, labor on highways, \$2.54  
R. F. Thompson, labor on highways, 4.25  
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and talk to him. If you want advice  
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on hand.

A limited quantity of corn fodder  
Hard or Soft Wood by the load

Geo. Emerick.  
Delivery wagon in connection

Slaughter Sale.  
For the next 30 days  
I will sell

HAY  
RAKES